
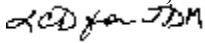

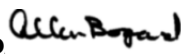




CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA REQUEST

AGENDA OF:	10-05-10	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	V-C
INITIATED BY:	DALE RUDICK, PE	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
PRESENTED BY:	DALE RUDICK, PE	DEPARTMENT HEAD:	DALE RUDICK, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS 
		ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT HEAD (S):	N/A
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATION		
EXHIBITS:	RESOLUTION NO. 10-44		
CLEARANCES		APPROVAL	
LEGAL:	JOE MORRIS, CITY ATTORNEY 	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	N/A
PURCHASING:	N/A	ASST. CITY MANAGER:	KAREN GLYNN 
BUDGET:	N/A	CITY MANAGER:	ALLEN BOGARD 
BUDGET			
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$		N/A	
CURRENT BUDGET: \$		N/A	
ADDITIONAL FUNDING: \$		N/A	
RECOMMENDED ACTION			
Approve Resolution No. 10-44: Gulf Coast Water Authority Board of Directors Representation			

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 6, 2010, City Council approved Resolution No. 10-15 adopting a Legislative Agenda for the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature. One of the official position statements on the Legislative Agenda addresses the lack of any voting representation from Fort Bend County on the Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) Board of Directors. The position statement specifically states:

“Seek legislation that provides the City and other customers from non-represented counties with full voting member representation on the Gulf Coast Water Authority Board of Directors.”

Since receiving Council’s direction in April, progress has been made in gaining the support from other agencies and organizations. The Mayor and Judge Hebert met with Galveston County Judge Yarborough on this specific matter. Judge Yarborough has stated his support in Fort Bend gaining voting membership on the Board. The Mayor has also received letters of support in our cause from Judge Hebert as well as from the Fort Bend Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Staff continues dialogue with other GCWA customers located in Fort Bend.

A formal resolution from City Council specific to the County gaining voting representation on the GCWA Board would help raise the profile of the matter as well as illustrate the many reasons why official board representation is so important to the City. Therefore, attached is Resolution No. 10-44 stating City Council’s desire to seek legislation that provides Fort Bend County Customers with full voting member representation on the Gulf Coast Water Authority Board of Directors.

EXHIBITS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, SEEKING LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES FORT BEND COUNTY CUSTOMERS WITH FULL VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY (GCWA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the predecessor of the Gulf Coast Water Authority was created in 1965 when Fort Bend County had a population of less than 50,000 and is now home to over 550,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County customers, which include the City of Missouri City, Fort Bend County WCID #2, Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District and the City of Sugar Land, account for nearly 23% of GCWA's total contracted water by volume; and

WHEREAS, the GCWA is now a multi-county, regional water agency; and

WHEREAS, the City is working diligently to meet the State's required mandate for surface water conversion where communication and responsiveness between all parties is paramount in meeting those obligations; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County customers have no voting representation, only one non-voting liaison, on the Board of Directors of GCWA; and

WHEREAS, a GCWA letter from the General Manager dated May 14, 1996 states that "After the Authority has contracted to sell at least 10 MGD of water to be used for potable water for customers in Fort Bend ..., it is the intention of the Board to seek to have the Texas Legislature amend ... Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, in order to add two additional positions to the Board of Directors of the Authority to be filled by directors representing such counties so that they might participate fully in the policies and decisions of the Board"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Land has been a contractual customer of GCWA since 1997 with a current contract for 20 million gallons of water per day which is tied as the Authority's third largest customer by volume; and

WHEREAS, voting representation on the Board of Directors would help improve customer relations, enhance two-way communication and the ability of Fort Bend customers to place items of critical importance on GCWA's agenda without unwarranted delay; and

WHEREAS, voting membership on the GCWA Board of Directors by Fort Bend County would be fair, equitable and would parallel the principle of representative government as established by our founding fathers in the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the need for coordinated and responsive regional water planning is critical to current and future success of the multi-county area; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of Fort Bend and Galveston are supportive of the City's efforts to gain Fort Bend County representation on the GCWA Board of Directors; NOW THEREFORE;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND:**

Section 1. That it recommends and supports seeking legislation that provides the City and other customers from non-represented counties with full voting member representation on the Gulf Coast Water Authority Board of Directors.

APPROVED on _____, 2010.

James A. Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

Reviewed for Legal Compliance:

